**The President’s Commission on People with Disabilities**

**December 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM**

**Memorial Union Senate Chambers, Room 300**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance and Introductions: Tammy B, Pam R, Chris S, Anita J, Annette B, Rachel F, Susan R, Christina Molinski, Stephen B, Bridget R, Roxanne G, Laura K, Nancy D
2. Minutes from November meeting approved
3. Ram Van New Purchase update (Paul, Steve & Pam)
	1. RFP still pending and out to bid
4. Possible Honor’s Colloquium Related to Disability update (Annette)
	1. Edwards may be most accessible building
	2. Theme: Changing Time, Changing Technology, Changing Expectations
	3. Considering potential speakers and subtopics looking for input from the PCPD
5. Accessibility Issues in the Dining Halls (Rachel)
	1. Management receptive to suggestions
6. Task Force I: Celebration and Awareness Building
	1. Will follow up with Joanna Ravello about possibility of CED sponsoring an encore event of the Critical Conversation on Disabilities
7. Task Force II:
	1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility (Pamela)
		* Upcoming meeting Dec 12th
		* Sakai is considered relatively accessible, accepting videos posted that are not captioned
	2. Parking & Transportation Advisory Sub-Committee (Steve)
		* 50 tickets/warnings related to parking for November related to ADA parking
		* Offering spots at Wickford Junction with covered parking and a shuttle every 10 minutes to make up for loss of 400 spots in Dairy Barn lot
	3. Safety & Evacuation (Christina Molinski)
		* Working on a self-identifying website for Residence Halls for students who need assistance with evacuation or may have concerns related to the fire alarms, information goes to first responders
8. Fine Arts Recital Hall and Will Theater Listening Enhancement Systems (Pamela)
	1. Equipment has arrived waiting to be installed
9. Service Animals (Pamela)
	1. Faculty can ask “is that dog related to a disability?” and “what specific tasks is the dog trained to perform?”
	2. Emotional support animals are not allowed in academic buildings only in residence halls with approval from Disability Services
10. Future Directions
	1. Chairperson – we are awaiting feedback on terms for faculty and staff
	2. Meeting dates – will send dates and times for Spring Semester

Meeting adjourned 11:59am